# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER INNISS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action Number 1:14-cv-01180-WSD

v.

DEBORAH ADERHOLD, et al.,

Defendants.

# PLAINTIFFS' CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND TO EXCEED PAGE LIMIT

Plaintiffs Christopher Inniss and Shelton Stroman, RayShawn Chandler and Avery Chandler, Michael Bishop and Johnny Shane Thomas, and Jennifer Sisson respectfully move the Court for (i) an extension of 29 days to serve their opposition to Defendant Deborah Aderhold's Motion to Dismiss the Complaint ("Motion"); and (ii) leave to file a brief of up to 40 pages – the same length as Ms. Aderhold's brief in support of the Motion. ECF No. 29. All parties have consented to the relief sought in this motion.

**Request for Extension of Time.** Plaintiffs filed their Complaint on April 22, 2014. ECF No. 1. Ms. Aderhold waived service of the summons, allowing her

60 days, until June 21, 2014 to respond to the Complaint. ECF No. 11. The Court granted Ms. Aderhold a 30-day extension, until July 21, 2014, providing her with a total of 90 days to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint. ECF No. 23.<sup>1</sup>

Ms. Aderhold moved to dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint on July 21, 2014. ECF No. 29. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(d) and Local Rule 7.1(B), Plaintiffs' opposition brief is due on August 7, 2014. Plaintiffs respectfully request leave to serve their opposition brief no later than September 5, 2014, 29 days after their current due date. Plaintiffs' request not only mirrors Ms. Aderhold's 30-day extension, ECF No. 23, but will allow preparation of a thorough response to the major, substantive issues raised in Ms. Aderhold's brief. This request also is warranted because Ms. Aderhold's brief is 40 pages, which is significantly longer than the 25-page briefs that the motion practice rules were designed to address. LR 7.1(D).

**Request for Additional Pages.** After receiving leave from the Court on July 18, 2014 to file an overlength brief, Ms. Aderhold submitted a 40-page brief supporting her motion to dismiss. ECF Nos. 28, 29-1. Plaintiffs request permission to serve an opposition brief up to 40 pages, so that they are provided comparable, sufficient space to respond to Ms. Aderhold's treatment of the issues.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs consented to Ms. Aderhold's request for the 30-day extension.

The additional pages are also warranted to allow Plaintiffs to present the extensive authority about marriage for same-sex couples issued in more than two dozen

decisions since United States v. Windsor, 133 S. Ct. 2675 (2013).

For all the reasons above, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter

the attached proposed order extending Plaintiffs' time to serve their opposition

brief, of up to 40 pages in length, to September 5, 2014.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of July, 2014,

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### LOCAL RULE 7.1(D) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this pleading has been prepared with Times New Roman font,

14 point, as approved by the Court in L.R. 5.1(C), N.D. Ga.

Respectfully submitted, this 24th day of July 2014.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 24, 2014, I electronically filed the foregoing

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